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FORGETTING

Ethel glanced at the face of the man beside her. It was tender, impetuous, strong and masterful, the kind of face she had glimpsed dimly in dreams. Beyond loomed the future, frozen and horrible.

She felt the words that trembled on her lips—words that she must utter—would blot out life's meaning for her and make the days that were to come a dismal, aching void. In a few brief moments she had learned the meaning of love; it had been a swift, dazzling, mad-dancing glimpse that had revealed life in its fullness and ecstasy. Now she must shatter that brief happiness.

Hobart Henley was pouring out his love in her ears and pointing the way to a life that had existed only in her dreams. Each word made her nerves tingle and throb with a sensation as delicious as it was exasperating. She tried to speak, to stop him, but the words caught and broke. She had never imagined love could be like this—potent as the imperious call of early spring and intoxicating as the breath of jessamine. "And we will go away, little girl, and just live out our lives for each other," murmured the man. Ethel scarcely heard. She only knew his words were touching soft, tender chords somewhere in her heart. She wanted to yield, to strangle the warning voice within her, to choke back her scruples.

"Because you will marry me, won't you, little girl?" His strong arm clutched her to him—it was all like a living, scorching flame. She broke from him with a little gasp.

"I can't," she cried. "I—"

Must she tell him? Must she bury herself forever from the new life that had just burst into blossom about her? She struggled and faltered, striving to write from her lips the words that would exile her from happiness and Hobart Henley.

"Perhaps you think you love some one else?" he asked boyishly. "Never mind. I will win you—force you to love me. I think you love me now, don't you, dear?"

She stood trembling beside him, a pitiful thing whose soul fought for supremacy over the greater law. Again the future loomed frozen and horrible, a dismal, heart-chilling waste before her. And the melodious invitation grew more insistent. A tempting whisper reached her ears: "Follow him," it said. "You never knew love before. Perhaps you never will again. There is love and happiness in store for you if you will but throw foolish conventions to the wind. And it isn't your fault."

It was not Hobart's voice. He was too manly, too honest, to tempt her so. It was the voice of a woman, a woman who had married him. It was the voice of Mrs. Henley.

"It wasn't your fault," continued the tempter, "that your husband pushed you aside and told you to go alone when you asked him to go with you to Mrs. Hampton's week-end party. It wasn't your fault that Mrs. Hampton in a spirit of diabolical subtlety the prettiness of that of Mrs. You know your husband has been faithless—probably he is at this very moment joy riding with one of his interesting chorus girl friends. You love Hobart. Why not?"

"Why not?" she echoed brokenly. Hobart was pleading with her, begging her to be his. Her face was white and tense with the fierceness of the struggle between love and a woman's soul on one side and the greater right on the other. And the tempter was right. There had been no love in her marriage; she had married in dutiful obedience to parental decree, and if Hobart Henley had not come into her life with his masterful, she might have lived happily and never known the meaning of life and love, never experienced this splendid, all-revealing flame that had rushed into her being.

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DAILY SHORT STORY.

ACROSS THE STREET.

By OLIVE ROBERTS BARTON.

Rosemary jumped out of bed with her eyes shut, and had the alarm silenced before she opened them. The room was dark and chilly, for 6 o'clock is early in March. In summer Rosemary got up at 5.

She lit the gas and caught sight of the ribbon on her finger, tied there the last thing the night before. Memory suddenly joggled, woke up. Mackerel! That was it! They were out of salt mackerel for breakfast, and she knew that Uncle Peter would never if it were missing. She had not discovered that the kit was empty until bedtime, when she had gone to the kitchen to put it to soak. Uncle Peter liked it pretty salt, so she had decided to hurry and dress in the morning and slip down to the store before the neighbors were up. That would give the fish two hours to soak, for Uncle Peter never breakfasted until 8.

She dressed, then looked at herself in the glass, undecided about her curl papers. They were not becoming—in fact they were decidedly the reverse—but their removal took time, and time was precious.

When she was dressed and her hair properly curled and arranged she looked like the best half of her name, that is, if she were with pleasant people who took her out of herself long enough to forget the slaty grayness of her everyday life. Then she would become really beautiful. I know it wasn't your fault, you couldn't play with a man's love like that.

"Thank you," Ethel managed to say. "And now we must forget it. He took her hand and held it while he looked at her. He said it was dippant. And so, little by little, he had chopped off the best things in her life until only the bare and ugly things remained. In the morning she looked at her reflection in the mirror and she was a girl again, vivacious and charming.

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She glanced at the clock. She would have to risk it anyway. It was nearly 7 now and she must hurry. She put on a sweater, tied a scarf over her head and started down the street. The shutters of the Black's second story front were closed, and the window all down the street was dark. She was safe.

She sighed. Pretty plump little Polly Black probably looked as fresh as a daisy in her room. She would need need papers for her thick, wavy, reddish-brown hair. Mary sighed again, for as she was picturing to herself charming, smiling little Polly handing the boarder her hair, she caught a glimpse of herself in a plate-glass window.

"Don't be such a silly," she exclaimed. "Why, you don't even know his name, and you certainly have no identity as a person. You're just a shadow, a thing you're the maid; for dear goodness, think always happens along when you're out cleaning windows or polishing the door bell. Didn't he even catch you hanging out of the window last night? He saw Mrs. Black's cat in the alley!"

"If he noticed you at all," she added to herself.

The store was open when she arrived. She bought her fish, and held it away from her, for the odor penetrated the brown paper wrapping and it made her sick. She hated fish.

Going home, she planned for the day's work. Her purchases had knocked sentiment out of her head. Love may melt at locksmiths, but it turns up its nose at other things and walks away. Mary was wondering if she could get the lunch dishes washed in time to go down for some new tea towels and be home before the baked beans for dinner would burn, when she slipped on two-thirds of a square inch of ice and fell.

It was a most awkward fall—the kind when one's self-respect suffers most. She made things worse, her package flew, the dampened paper parted and Uncle Peter's breakfast lay shamelessly exposed upon the brick pavement.

First she listened for a laugh—if we can think of anything but a jarred anatomy—next she glanced surreptitiously to see how the public takes it. Everything favorable, she knew that she had to be any and if our belongings happen to be anything in the world but fish we pick them and ourselves up and march away, haughtily or belligerently, according to our dispositions.

Mary didn't hear any one laugh, but before she had time to pick herself up, much less her belongings, she saw a man running across the street toward her. Horror of horrors! It was the boarder!

"Are you hurt?" he asked anxiously. Mary shook her head. She felt that her face would soon burst if the blood did not stop rushing to it so. "No, thank you," she finally stammered, and started to get up.

He helped her to her feet and started for the fish. "Oh, no, no! Please don't," she protested. "I'll get another. It's only a few steps back to the store." In her confusion she had not noticed that her scarf had become loosened, until it dropped at her feet. With a quick, self-conscious motion both hands flew to her head. The man picked it up. When he handed it to her she scarcely thanked him in her haste to get the telltale knobs under cover. Her face had become suddenly

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pale. "I believe I had better go home," she faltered, avoiding his eye. "Thank you for being so kind. Good morning." She turned away.

"But you are ill! You will allow me to go as far as your door, won't you? I can't leave you this way."

Then the flush swept her cheeks again. "No, thank you. I feel perfectly well. Good morning." This time it was final and he looked after her, puzzled. The fish caught his eye and he laughed softly, with a sudden inkling of the situation. "Poor child!" he said in a tone that would have given her food for thought. "I'll let her catch it when Uncle Peter misses his mackerel."

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Late in 1863 the Confederate government had seen the need of establishing a new military prison in the remote spot, where supplies would be more abundant and escapes would be less frequent. On November 21, 1863, Capt. W. Sidney Winder, a son of Gen. John H. Winder, was chosen to be in command of the prison, which was to be a military prison in the neighborhood of Americus or Fort Valley, Ga. The location chosen, Andersonville, was six miles from Americus, and sixty miles from Macon, on the line of the Southwestern Railroad, which runs from Macon through South-west Georgia.

Short of Food and Labor.

The ground chosen was about a third of a mile from the east side of the railroad. On it was a grove of lofty pines, from which material was obtained for administration buildings and a stockade. Wood, a prime necessity, was especially plenty and a stream of water ran across the lot. The place promised well.

Capt. Richard B. Winder took charge of the construction of Camp Sumter, as the post was named. This officer, who was a quartermaster in the Confederate service, soon found that he could not get supplies together readily for the expected prisoners. On February 3, before a prisoner had arrived, he reported urgent need of all sorts of supplies, excepting corn and meat.

On February 17, the day on which the first detachment of prisoners left Richmond for Andersonville, Capt. Winder reported that it was impossible to hire men to do the work of the prison. He had been exempted from contribution to the war effort, and the annual salary of \$1,000 was not a favorable one for its occupants was not a favorable one.

What Prison Was Like.

By the time the first prisoners arrived the stockade of the prison was done. The inner inclosure, which was surrounded by a log structure eighteen to twenty feet in height, measured 2,000 feet in length and 750 feet in width. This inclosure was surrounded at a distance of sixty feet with another palisade of logs twelve feet high. In August, 1864, when the prison was at its fullest time of population, the length was extended to 1,500 feet.

The ground inside the stockade was entirely cleared. Not a tree or shrub was left standing.

In the original inclosure was an area of twelve acres. There were two gates, and two corresponding apertures in the outer palisade. These gates were constructed of massive timbers and were always strongly guarded. At intervals of 100 feet along the top of the inner palisade there were sentry boxes, whose occupants could see both the exterior and the interior of the prison.

The first commander of the prison, Col. Parsons, of the Fifty-fifth Georgia Regiment, was described by some of his contemporaries as a "stupid, ignorant, and cruel" man. He was a native of Georgia, and to his original occupants Andersonville was an agreeable change from the crowded prisons of the North.

From such a beginning conditions were rapidly to grow worse until the week of August 7, when the prison, a vast reek of pestilence, stench, and vermin, contained 22,000 men. This was the high tide of its population.

Soldiers of character and training could not be spared to guard the prison, and the guards as a rule were ignorant conscripts. Some were brutal in acts and words, shooting at any hapless prisoner who approached the dead-line or savagely cursing the prisoners. Others were often moved to pity by the sufferings beneath them, throwing bread to the hungry, and speaking kindly.

Among Early Cases.

A realistic picture of the hard life within the Andersonville stockade in the prison's early days, is presented in the diary of Sergt. John L. Hanson, of Company A, Ninth Michigan Cavalry. Sergt. Hanson was captured on November 6, 1862, near Rogersville, East Tennessee. He reached Belle Isle, in the James River, November 18. On March 7 he was assigned to an Andersonville detachment and on

March 13, twenty days after the prison was opened, he found himself at Andersonville.

The prison then contained 1,800 men. He found it a plot without streets. Huts, shacks and shelters, which had been built by the prisoners, were scattered about in haphazard fashion.

"A dismal hole it is," wrote the sergeant on the day of his arrival. On March 15 he drew as rations a quart of cornmeal, half a pound of beef and some salt. "This is splendid," he wrote. By March 27 he got a pint of beans or peas, three-quarters of a pint of meal, and a piece of bacon each day, and wrote that he was "doing very well."

The prisoners were "squadded" by this time into groups of 100. Prison life had made the men nervous and irritable, and there was much fighting going on in the stockade.

Rations by April 10 had dwindled to one-half in quantity. Scoury had appeared, and the men were dying at the rate of eighty a day. Clothing was wearing out, or was traded for food. By the middle of April the sergeant was reduced to his shirt, trousers, and hat. Yet he says he was "well dressed when compared with many."

On April 14 new orders at \$2 (Confederate) for a bunch of five were offered the prisoners, with few purchasers. By April 20 the rations had got down to one-quarter of what was needed. By May 8 "a quarter of a loaf of cooked bread and five ounces of bacon" were given out, which the sergeant found was "an improvement."

Prisoners Hang Themselves.

Among the prisoners was a band of thieves who made a business of robbing the constantly arriving newcomers of all their possessions.

This evil increased to such an extent that the prisoners took the matter in hand, arrested six of the robbers, tried them before an improvised court, and sentenced them to be hanged. This sentence was carried out by the prisoners, and thievery in the prison was stopped.

On May 14 there was a picnic and a dance of the guards on the outside of the prison, with a band and women guests from Macon. The music cheered the men inside the stockade.

There was much singing in the prison, and many good singers. "God bless a man who can sing in this place," wrote the sergeant. By May 22 the sergeant was taking in washing for a living, for which he received small pieces of bread. He was in partnership with a Michigan Indian. The firm was prosperous.

By May 21, the laundry firm was doing a thriving business, and business was on the increase. By June the sergeant was a hair cutter.

The sergeant showed himself in his early entries in his diary to have been a cheerful, optimistic person, who made the best of life's adversities, and who was always looking for better things. His diary is a striking illustration of the effect of starvation. At first his paragraphs were full in quantity and animated in style. By September the story of the day's doings was reduced to a feeble, single line.

Never came on September 1, that prisoners who could walk should be transferred to Savannah. This would have been good news to Sergt. Hanson, but he could not walk; he was not able to stand, and he could not walk. He was actually carried him in the line and got him aboard the train. He was transferred to a Savannah hospital, where he eventually recovered.

(Conditions at Andersonville in August will be described in this series.)

Tomorrow: The Red River Campaign.

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